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# FORBES BULBS FOR PLANTING NOW.

In spite of recent rumors, no Holland bulbs will be available this Fall. Because of the comparatively few varieties available, we are not issuing our usual bulb catalogue. The bulbs offered in this list are now in stock and are the best British and American quality bulbs available. We suggest prompt action as our supplies are quite limited. In comparing prices, which are of necessity higher than in normal times, remember that we offer the largest available flowering first-size bulbs which will give excellent satisfaction.

Next Spring, we will repeat our flower display but at our permanent Display Garden, on the south side of Route 10, Hanover, N. J., just west of River Road or a little over a mile west of the Livingston Traffic Circle. You will find countless varieties of Daffodils and Narcissus, May-flowering Tulips, both Japanese and Bearded Iris, Gladiolus, Chrysanthemums, and numerous Annuals and Perennials. Please feel free to enjoy these beautiful flowers often.

## HYACINTHS

### APRIL FLOWERING

There is nothing so satisfactory as single Hyacinths to bring beauty of color to the spring garden. Planted in clumps among other plants or against backgrounds they offer their full beauty and sweet fragrance for your enjoyment. Hyacinths are very easily grown indoors through the winter, either in water alone or in bulb fibre, stones or soil. The letter following the variety name shows the relative earliness of bloom.

**Grand Maitre.** B. Dark lavender and blue, its large bells forming a well-filled truss on an unusually strong stem.

**L'Innocence.** A. This is without question the best pure white Hyacinth for all purposes, with large

bells in broad loose truss.

**Rai des Belges.** B. This is considered by many as the best red Hyacinth. Nicely formed trusses are held on strong stems.

Any of the above, 45c each; \$5.00 per doz.

## GIANT DARWIN TULIPS

### MAY FLOWERING

For garden plantings Darwins are unequaled. They embrace a color range which is practically unlimited. Their stately beauty may be enjoyed in large beds or planted in groups in perennial borders, among shrubs or against backgrounds.

In the following lists the letter indicates the relative earliness of bloom and the number shows the height in inches.

**Bartigon.** A 26. A beautiful, large, fiery crimson flower held on a strong stem. \$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.

**Clara Butt.** D 22. A lovely shade of soft salmon-rose-pink. A popular old favorite. \$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.

**Farncombe Sanders.** B 26. A brilliant rose-scarlet of superb form and great size. \$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.

**Feu Brillant.** B 28. A glorious vermillion-red. A large perfect Tulip on a strong stem. \$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.

**Greuze.** B 27. Splendid purple-violet of good form on sturdy stems. \$1.25 per daz.; \$9.00 per 100.

**King George V.** B 28. Sparkling cherry-rose of great size. Goes well with lavender and white. \$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.

**Madame Krelage.** B 26. An attractive soft bright rose, edged silver-blush. A popular variety. \$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.

**Princess Elizabeth.** B 27. Clear deep pink aging rose-pink. \$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.

**Professor Rauwenhof.** C 28. An enormous bright cherry-red. \$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.

**FORBES RAINBOW DARWIN MIXTURE.** Specially prepared from cream quality first-size bulbs of named Darwins in distinct color shades. Packed as a mixture, without names. \$1.10 per doz.; \$4.25 per 50; \$8.00 per 100.

## COTTAGE AND HYBRID TULIPS

### MAY FLOWERING

These differ from Darwin Tulips chiefly in the shape of the flowers, which in many varieties are long and oval with gracefully reflexed petals. All colors imaginable—in fact, some of the most beautiful Tulips we have—are to be found in this class. They are particularly useful for cut-flowers.

**Arga.** A 27. Deep yellow with orange flecks, aging to a reddish orange. A well-rounded flower. \$1.35 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100.

**Caledonia.** B 24. A distinct orange-scarlet variety

for bedding. \$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.

**Inglescombe Yellow.** C 22. Glossy canary-yellow, aging orange-red in warm weather. \$1.10 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.

## MAJESTIC BREEDER TULIPS

### MAY FLOWERING

Truly the aristocrats of Tulips, the Breeders, generally of rich subdued colors, are unrivaled for their elegance and stateliness. They are invaluable as contrasts with the brighter Darwin and Cottage Tulips. In form they closely resemble the Darwin Tulips.

**Bronze Queen.** C 28. A blend of deep yellow and brown shaded rose and bronze. Very attractive. \$1.35 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100.

**Louis XIV.** B 32. Rich dark purple, broadly margined with golden bronze. Immense. \$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.

# NARCISSUS—DAFFODILS

## APRIL-MAY FLOWERING

After the dormant winter garden months, there is nothing which brings a fuller realization of spring than the cheerfulness of a border of these flowers. In the early morning or with the lengthening shadows of the late afternoon their beauty is unsurpassed.

### GIANT TRUMPET DAFFODILS

In which the trumpets are as long or longer than the length of the perianth petals.

**Emperor.** B 20. Straight rich yellow trumpet with deep primrose-yellow perianth. An old favorite of good size. **95 cts. per doz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

**Glory of Sassenheim.** B 20. Frilled deep yellow trumpet and white perianth. An enlarged Victoria. **95 cts. per daz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

**Golden Spur.** A 20. Both perianth and trumpet are rich yellow. Very fine for early forcing. **95 cts. per daz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

**King Alfred.** A 21. Magnificent, huge frilled trumpet and broad perianth petals, all of rich golden yellow. **\$1.35 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

**Olympia.** B 21. Huge, heavily ruffled, deep chrome-yellow trumpet with paler perianth. Extra fine. **\$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

**Spring Glory.** A 20. Pure white informal perianth and long deep yellow trumpet with reflexed brim. **95 cts. per daz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

**Tresserve.** C 17. Very large, deep canary-yellow trumpet with laciniated brim and paler perianth. **\$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

**Van Waveren's Giant.** A 20. Huge deep golden yellow trumpet and broad primrose perianth. **\$2.00 per daz.; \$15.00 per 100.**

**Victoria.** B 19. A well known popular variety with creamy white perianth, and yellow trumpet. **95 cts. per daz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

### INCOMPARABILIS NARCISSUS

In which the cup measures from more than one-third to nearly equal the perianth petal length.

**Bernardina.** B 20. Large cream-white perianth with frilled open yellow cup, tinged and edged apricot. **95 cts. per daz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

**Helias.** A 21. Chrome-yellow star-shaped perianth; frilled cup of deeper tone suffused orange. **\$1.25 per daz.; \$9.00 per 100.**

**Lucifer.** B 18. Long star-like, sulphur-white perianth with deep yellow cup flushed bright orange. **95 cts. per daz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

**Lucinius.** C 17. Sunny golden yellow flower with beautifully fringed cup edge. A large, very fine variety. **\$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

**Sir Watkin.** A 18. Primrose perianth and yellow crown tinged with orange. **\$1.10 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

### BARRII NARCISSUS

In which the cup or crown measures less than one-third of the perianth petal length.

**Bath's Flame.** A 18. Long, primrose perianth petals

with deep yellow cup broadly edged orange-red. **\$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

**Conspicuous.** C 16. Pale yellow perianth with cup of dark yellow edged scarlet. **95 cts. per daz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

**Mrs. Barclay.** A 18. Large perianth of pale primrose aging white. Primrose frilled cup rimmed orange. **\$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

**Red Beagan.** C 16. Ivory-white perianth with primrose cup broadly edged brilliant orange-scarlet. **\$1.10 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

### POETAZ NARCISSUS

Clusters of fragrant flowers on each stem, in white or yellow, some with orange-rimmed cups.

**Cheerfulness.** C 15. A double form with white perianth and full, pale yellow and white centers. Very pretty. **\$1.35 per daz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

**Laurens Koster.** A 16. Strong-growing flower with pure white perianth and deep yellow eye. **\$1.10 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

### POETICUS NARCISSUS

Hardy, fine for naturalizing, each stem bearing one flower with white petals and small cup.

**Horace.** C 16. Broad-petaled perianth of snow-white with canary-yellow cup, rimmed blood-red. **\$1.10 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

**Ornatus.** D 14. Pure white rounded perianth with a small yellow eye margined scarlet. Fine for naturalizing. **95 cts. per doz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

### JONQUILS

These are sweet-scented and bear clusters of small bright sunny flowers on each stem.

**Golden Sceptre.** A 12. Large fragrant single star-shaped flowers in clusters on each stem. **\$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

**Giant Campernelle, Double.** A 12. Double form with clusters of fragrant golden yellow flowers. **\$1.10 per daz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

### DOUBLE DAFFODILS

Fully double flowers and excellent for cutting.

**Alba Plena Odorata.** A 14. Full double heads of pure white fragrant petals. **\$1.25 per daz.; \$9.00 per 100.**

**Twink.** A 14. Graceful, semi-double, with alternating petals of soft primrose and clear orange. **\$2.00 per daz.; \$15.00 per 100.**

**Van Sion.** A 15. Large, well-filled, golden yellow flower on strong stem. Very popular for forcing. **\$1.25 per daz.; \$9.00 per 100.**

# GIANT-FLOWERING CROCUS

## MARCH-APRIL FLOWERING

One of the real delights of a garden is the first appearance of Crocus in March or early April. Whether planted in borders, massed under trees or shrubs, in careless patches in the lawn, in rock-gardens or on grass slopes—they are always appealing. They will bloom each spring for years.

**Early Perfection.** One of the prettiest of the darker lilac kinds. This is large-flowered and very early to bloom. **75 cts. per daz.; \$6.00 per 100.**

**Sir Walter Scott.** Fine stripes of pale lilac traced on a pure white flower of magnificent size. **75 cts. per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.**

**Mant Blanc.** This is a beautifully shaped, very large-flowering variety of pure snow-white. **75 cts. per daz.; \$6.00 per 100.**

**Yellow Mammoth.** The well-known, popular golden yellow Crocus which is so attractive in a sunny garden. **85 cts. per doz.; \$7.00 per 100.**

# BULBS FOR EDGING & ROCK-GARDENS

Here is an interesting selection of those little flowers which appear from just after the last melting snow through April and May. They are very beautiful in masses under trees and in borders.

## CHIONODOXA (GLORY-OF-THE-SNOW)

The flower-spikes, 6 to 7 inches high, if planted in masses make a beautiful permanent display as they form natural colonies. Plant 18 bulbs to each square foot, 3 inches deep, in full sun or half shade, and give slight winter protection with leaves or garden litter. They are very effective when planted in irregular patches under trees.

**Gigantea.** Bright blue, with white center, often with 6 flowers on a stem. 75 cts. per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

## SCILLA

**Sibirica** (Siberian Squill). Spikes 3 to 4 inches high, of small drooping, bell-like flowers. Fine for massing. Plant 3 to 4 inches deep. Blooms in April. **Blue or White.** Each, 45 cts. per doz.; \$3.50 per 100; \$33.00 per 1000.

**Campanulata** (Wood Hyacinth). Bears spikes, 15 inches high, of bell-like flowers, during early May. Plant 5 or 6 inches deep in shady situations. **Excelsior**, deep blue. 75 cts. per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

## GALANTHUS (Snowdrops)

These are particularly effective under hedges, under cedar trees, and in thin woodland. Their beautiful snow-white bells come as one of the earliest spring flowers. As they dislike being moved, they should be left alone to naturalize themselves. Plant 2 inches deep; mulch in winter with straw, hay, leaves, or well-decayed manure. Single. 75 cts. per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

## MUSCARI (Grape Hyacinths)

Beautiful little flowers for planting in masses, either in shade or where exposed to the sun. They produce flower-spikes thickly set with small, bell-like blooms. When planted out in herbaceous borders, where they can be left undisturbed, they do exceedingly well, each year adding to their already profuse-blooming qualities. Bloom outdoors during May. They are also excellent for pot-culture. Plant in bold groups. 2 to 3 inches deep and 2 inches apart.

**Heavenly Blue.** This is the largest and best of the Grape Hyacinths. The bells are large and form a fine truss. Splendid effects are produced by massing. 55 cts. per doz.; \$4.00 per 100.

## OTHER BULBS

### BLEEDING HEART

An old-fashioned favorite with long racemes of graceful, heart-shaped pink flowers that are always attractive. Strong Clumps. 45 cts. each; \$4.50 per doz.

### LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY

These are clumps for outdoor planting only. They are perfectly hardy and will naturalize readily. 45 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.

### LILIES

These hardy flowers, with wonderful beauty and fragrance, like partial shade and appear best against a shrubbery background.

**Candidum** (Madonna Lily). Snow-white flowers, 3 to 20 on each stem, in June. Ht. 4 1/2 ft. Cover with 2 in. soil. 40 cts. each; \$4.25 per doz.

**Regale.** White, shaded pale yellow in center, with pink-tinged edges, in July. Ht. 3 to 4 ft. Cover bulbs with 8 in. soil. 30 cts. each; \$3.25 per doz.

**Tenuifolium.** Clusters of nodding, scarlet flowers on 18 inch plants. Bloom in June. Cover with 4 inches of soil. 20 cts. each; \$2.00 per doz.

### PEONIES

Very easily grown and long lasting. Two-year-old clumps with 3 to 5 eyes. **Double Pink, Red, and White.** Each, 35 cts.; \$3.00 per doz.

### INDOOR FORCING BULBS

Besides the forcing Tulips, Crocus, Hyacinths and Daffodils, try these:

**Amaryllis, Giant Hybrid.** Very largest, in white, pink, and red variation. 55 cts. each; \$6.00 per doz.

**Calla Lilies.** Plant each in fall in 6-inch pots with bulb-top just above soil, in room temperature. Bloom in 6 to 8 weeks. **White.** 45 cts. each, \$4.50 per doz. **Yellow.** Golden yellow, with cream spots on dark foliage. 55 cts. each; \$6.00 per doz.

**Paper White Narcissus.** These fragrant flowers force readily in fiber or pebbles in succession, to bloom from before Christmas until Easter. Place the bulbs close together in bowls and put in a cool, darkened cellar for two weeks; then bring into the light as needed. 55 cts. per doz.; \$4.00 per 100.

## FORBES FERTILIZERS AND SOIL BUILDERS

A good garden requires good soil, but even with perfect soil, plant-food must be added each year to replace that which is consumed by the plants.

**Bone Meal.** Slow to disintegrate and long lasting. Excellent for bulbs and general purposes. 5 lbs. 35 cts.; 10 lbs. 55 cts.; 25 lbs. \$1.10; 50 lbs. \$1.85; 100 lbs. \$3.50; 500 lbs. \$16.00; ton \$59.00.

**Bevung.** Dehydrated pulverized cow-manure product, free from weed-seeds. Provides plant-food quickly. 50 lbs. \$1.50; 100 lbs. \$2.75; 500 lbs. \$12.50.

**Driconure.** An improved finely ground mixture of 3 parts cow and poultry manures and 1 part peat moss. Clean and all-organic. 50 lbs. \$1.75; 100 lbs. \$3.25; 500 lbs. \$15.25; 1000 lbs. \$28.50.

**Forbes Super Lawn & Garden.** (Analysis 5-10-5.) A well-balanced, complete fertilizer. Excellent for lawns and general use. 5 lbs. 35 cts.; 10 lbs. 55 cts.; 25 lbs. \$1; 50 lbs. \$1.75; 100 lbs. \$3; 500 lbs. \$14; ton \$52.

**Hyper-Humus.** An odorless non-acid soil builder of fine texture, purely organic. Essential to plant growth. In bags, 50 lbs. \$1.00; 100 lbs. \$1.60; 500 lbs. \$6.40; 1000 lbs. \$12.00; ton \$20.00.

**Peat Moss, Granulated.** A splendid material for conditioning all soils. Excellent for mulching rose-beds and borders. Large bale \$4.00.

**Sheep Manure.** A weed-free organic fertilizer, rapidly assimilated by all plant-roots. Easily handled. 5 lbs. 35 cts.; 10 lbs. 55 cts.; 25 lbs. \$1.00; 50 lbs. \$1.75; 100 lbs. \$3.00; 500 lbs. \$14.00; ton \$52.00.

# Forbes Lawn Seed for Every Need

The best lawn is produced from a seed mixture of several grasses, each in the proper proportion to serve its purpose. We blend the mixtures offered below from heavy, recleaned live seeds in the proportions which years of experience have proved to be best for this locality.

For quick results sow 1 pound per 100 square feet. Half that amount gives good results but takes longer. Planting directions with every bag.

## BRANCH BROOK PARK LAWN MIXTURE

A low-priced standard mixture giving a lawn of good color and withstanding normal wear. Includes White Clover. Lb. 45 cts.; 2 lbs. 85 cts.; 5 lbs. \$2; 10 lbs. \$3.75; 25 lbs. \$9.00; 100 lbs. \$35.

## THE "FORBES" LAWN MIXTURE

Made up of five dwarf perennial grasses, giving a lawn of rich green, of fine texture and a permanency not usually found. Lb. 50 cts.; 2 lbs. 95 cts.; 5 lbs. \$2.30; 10 lbs. \$4.50; 25 lbs. \$11; 100 lbs. \$43.

## ELITE LAWN MIXTURE

This is a superior blend producing an ideal verdant close turf of very fine-leaved texture, more nearly resembling the fineness of a putting-green. Does not require the constant attention usual with putting-greens. Lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.50; 5 lbs. \$3.60; 10 lbs. \$7; 25 lbs. \$16.85; 100 lbs. \$65.

## SUPER-BENT LAWN MIXTURE

Contains Bent Grass varieties only. On rich soils with careful seeding, rolling and watering produces the ideal, deep carpet-like, fine green turf of putting-greens. Lb. 85 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.60; 5 lbs. \$3.85; 10 lbs. \$7.50; 25 lbs. \$18; 100 lbs. \$70. Sow one pound to 200 square feet.

## SHADY PLACE LAWN MIXTURE

Thrives better than any other in partially shaded areas, as it includes grasses which grow naturally in the shade. Frequent watering and feeding is essential to supply both tree roots and grass roots. Lb. 65 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.25; 5 lbs. \$3; 10 lbs. \$5.75; 25 lbs. \$14; 100 lbs. \$55.

## TERRACE LAWN MIXTURE

This forms a densely matted network of deep roots, withstanding the wash from heavy rains on slopes. The longer roots also command the deeper moisture level when the terraces become dry in summer. Lb. 65 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.25; 5 lbs. \$3; 10 lbs. \$5.75; 25 lbs. \$14; 100 lbs. \$55.

## WHITE CLOVER

This dwarf, compact, dark green variety is suggested for use where it has been found difficult to produce a turf with lawn seed mixtures only.  $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 55 cts.; 1lb. \$1.

## SPECIAL NEW JERSEY LAWN MIXTURES

Mixture No. 1. (Contains no White Clover.) for fair to good soils. Lb. 55 cts.; 5 lbs. \$2.50; 10 lbs. \$4.75; 25 lbs. \$11.50; 100 lbs. \$45.

Mixture No. 2. For a turf of finest quality on good rich soils. Lb. 70 cts.; 5 lbs. \$3.25; 10 lbs. \$6.25; 25 lbs. \$15.25; 100 lbs. \$60.

Mixture No. 3. For shade. Lb. 85 cts.; 5 lbs. \$3.85; 10 lbs. \$7.50; 25 lbs. \$18; 100 lbs. \$70.

Mixture No. 4. Especially recommended for poor soils of clay, shale or sandy character. Lb. 65 cts.; 5 lbs. \$3; 10 lbs. \$5.75; 25 lbs. \$14; 100 lbs. \$55.

Next Spring inspect our lawn exhibits at our new Display Garden. There you will see, side by side, specimen plots of the various lawn grass mixtures we offer as well as the individual grasses. These exhibits afford an unusual opportunity to make comparisons. Our Display Garden is on the south side of Route 10, Hanover, N. J. — a mile west of the Livingston Traffic Circle.